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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED UP 2,500,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. K. Wick, Esq., Chairman.
Adolf von Arnim, Esq., F. D. Sassoon, Esq.,
Egbert Iveson, Esq., H. D. Stewart, Esq.,
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. J. J. Kewick, The Hon. C. P. Chater,
H. Hopple, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai.
Agents—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL 1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED 1,125,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 1 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital 1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq., Chow Tung Shing, Esq.,
Chan Kit Shau, Esq., Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.,
H. Spilferfoht, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:
The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Parre Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " " " 4 " "
" 3 " " " 3 " "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS " 2 " "

Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [18]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

INTEREST ALLOWED
5 per cent. on Fixed Deposits for 12 Months.
" 4 " " " 6 " "
" 3 " " " 3 " "

Current Account daily balances,
2 " " " " " "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1893. [69]

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION).

PAYMENT OF SECOND DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND
DIVIDEND of 10 PER CENT. will be
PAYABLE ON APPLICATION, at the Office
of THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION), on and after
MONDAY, the 5th June, to all CREDITORS
whose Claims have been received and admitted.

E. W. RUTTER,
Attorney for the Liquidator,
New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,
(in Liquidation).

Hongkong, 29th May, 1893. [618]

Intimations.

GEORGE FENWICK AND COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that during the
Temporary Absence of Mr. GEORGE
FENWICK from the Colony, Mr. WILLIAM
G. WINTERBURN will act as GENERAL
MANAGER of the Company.

By Order,
GEO. FENWICK,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 8th June, 1893. [69]

J. W. KEW & CO'S
STEAM WATER BOATS.

PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS and
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality
of TYTAN FILTERED WATER, offered by
J. W. KEW & Co., also to the advantages
derived from their being able to supply their
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the
old fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No impeding the loading or discharging of
Cargo.

Quickest despatch with lowest possible rates.

J. W. KEW & Co.,
c/o Carmichael & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1893. [684]

PILOTAGE IN JAPAN WATERS.

V. KAYA (Japanese subject), LICENSED
COAST and INLAND SEA PILOT,
between Gulf of Tokyo, and Kuchisotsu via
Inland Sea and Nagasaki. Holds London
Master's Certificate of Competency, and also
Japan Master's Certificate of Competency.
Ten years command Kyodo and Nippon Yatai
Katahi ships, and seven years' experience of
Inland Sea.

93, Shiba-chama Shimoyama-dori, Kobe.
Telegraphic Address—Kaya, Kobe, or Moji.

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY,
ESTABLISHED 1825.

INVESTED FUNDS 7,000,000 Sig.
ANNUAL INCOME 900,000 Sig.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHANGHAI:
AUGUSTUS WHITE, Esq.,
F. H. BELL, Esq.,
JAMES L. SCOTT, Esq.,
NEIL MACLEOD, Esq., M.D., Medical Officer.

W. T. PHIPPS, Esq., Chief Agent.

AGENCIES:
Amoy—Messrs. Brown & Co.
Canton—Messrs. Rowe & Co.
Chefoo—Messrs. Cornaby & Co.
Fookchow—Messrs. Phipps, Phipps & Co.
Hankow—Messrs. W. Forbes Sharp & Co.
Kobe—Messrs. Brown & Co.

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Newchwang—Messrs. Bandinel & Co.
Ningbo—Gustav Kuhnau, Esq.
Peking—Dr. Dudgeon, Medical Officer.
Swatow—Messrs. Bradley & Co.
Tientsin—Messrs. Wilson & Co.

Yokohama—Messrs. Fraser, Farley & Co.
The Standard is an old and wealthy Scottish
Office, well-known throughout India and the
East, and has acquired a marked character for
sound and liberal management.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong,
Standard Life Office.

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GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000. \$833,333.33.
EQUAL TO \$318,000.00.
RESERVE FUND

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq., LO YUEK MOON, Esq.,
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1886. [1869]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

LESSONS IN ENGLISH given to either
FOREIGNERS or FURSIANS by Miss
MOONEY at No. 22, Calne Road.

Terms on application.
Hongkong, 10th June, 1893. [1658]

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRADE
MARKS of the MAN LOONG (廣隆)

FIRM, Manufacturers of PRESERVED
GINGER and other SWEETMEATS, have
been registered in this Colony pursuant to
Ordinance No. 16 of 1873.

Head Office:—HONGAM, CANTON. Hongkong
Office:—No. 376 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
LEUNG YU SANG, } Managers.
WONG HOI CHOW, }

Hongkong, 12th May, 1893. [1559]

D. R. KNORR'S
LION BRAND

ANTIPYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROY.)

IS the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,
NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM,
FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE,
ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and
many other complaints. It is also the very
best Antiseptic. Highly recommended by
the Medical Faculty. Ask for DR. KNORR'S
ANTIPYRINE. Each Tin bears the inventor's
signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

"DERMATOL" is the best Veterinary; its
effect in stimulating the closing up of Wounds,
is described as amazing.

To be had at every reputable Chemist and
Druggist.
Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export, Import, and Bank Co.—Sole Agents for
China.

Beware of spurious imitations.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1893. [406]

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a
BITUMINOUS COAL

of dark reddish colour. For steam purposes
it has been pronounced to be the best and the
most economical of all the Japanese Coals. Its
export is increasing yearly, and the opinions
expressed by several of the largest regular
consumers are in testimony of the excellent
qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages
to Ship Owners and Captains, who coal their
bunkers direct from the Undersigned:—
FRESHNESS of the coal.
UNIFORMITY of quality.

FREEDOM from impurities.

Supply in any quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

BEST of weight, etc., etc.

MTSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Sole Agents.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1892. [590]

KING WO CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIP'S COMPRA,
DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL,
ex GGDOWN and ex SHIP.

MR. J. W. BOYD, Superintendent, at
Rowland Dock, reports that AKAIKI
COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER
RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever
used.

For full particulars as to price, &c.,
Apply to
KING WO CHEONG,
No. 32, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1893. [137]

Intimations.

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the
centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with
the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites
and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUBLES, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated
to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

W. BREWER.

CHAMBER'S ENCYCLOPEDEA, Complete, 10 vols. \$35.
VICTOR HUGO'S NOVELS, Complete Edition in English, Beautifully Illustrated,
13 vols. \$12.

WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED DICTIONARY, 7 vols. \$12.
NEW NOVELS!!! NEW MUSIC!!!

BOOKS OF TRAVELS.
AMERICAN SONG FOLIOS, Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4, at \$1.

TENNIS BATS, TENNIS BALLS, &c.
ARTIST'S MATERIALS.

NEW WATER COLOR BOXES.
FANCY STATIONARY.

LADIES' TENNIS SHOES.

CHEAP COMMERCIAL ENVELOPES.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1893.

W. POWELL & CO.

A NICE ASSORTMENT OF

BREAKFAST & TABLE CRUETS.

ELECTRO-PLATED GOODS OF ALL KINDS.

CUTLERY AND TABLE WARE.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 26th June, 1893.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East,
affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of
the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf
(the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping
Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.
The TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being
under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to
spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications.
The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public
BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour
adjacent to the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.
HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers
and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1893.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

INDOOR GAMES and REQUISITES.
American Squash—Plais and Gilt.
Mascotte Squashers.
English Whist Cards.
Khanhoo—New Chinese Game.
Camden, Foster and Cavendish Whist Markers.
Chess Boards and Men.
Draught Boards and Men.
Race Games.
Dominoes.
Sets of Dice and Cups.
Poker Chips—All values.
Hama.
Reversi.
Three very popular Games.

BOOKS RELATING TO GAMES.
Cavendish on Whist.
Foster's Whist Manual.
Cavendish on Piquet.
Cavendish on Ecards.
The Modern and Standard Hoyle.
Poker—How to play it.
Florence's Hand Book of Poker.
Stanton on Chess.
Drayson on Whist.
Poker's How to Play Whist.
How to Play Solo Whist.
The All England Series of Books on Solo Whist.
—Ecarts and Ecards—Piquet and Rabelon.
Piquet—Bestique and Cribbage Chess—Dominoes and Solitaire—Draughts and Backgammon.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 23rd June, 1893.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

SUN HATS. STRAW HATS.

SHIRTS AND COLLARS.

FANCY FLANNELS FOR TENNIS SHIRTS.

NEW SCARFS AND TIES.

TENNIS SHOES, TENNIS BATS AND BALLS.

"CAVENDISH" NETS AND POLES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 10th June, 1893.

Intimations.

TO STAMP COLLECTORS IN CHINA,
JAPAN AND THE FAR EAST.

ANYONE forwarding Bank Draft on London
for equivalent of 10 Dollars will receive
by return Post 25 Coloured Pictorial 100 Used and
Unused POSTAGE STAMPS, all different and
some Catalogued at 1s. 6d. each, by English
Stamp Vendors, and will also receive post free
for one year "One of the Largest and best
Monthly Stamp Journals with Stamp News from
all parts of the World."

This opportunity is not likely to occur again,
so send sharp. Last month purchasers repeated
their orders, showing they were pleased with
contents. The Stamps purchased separately
would cost from £3 to £4, whilst in addition
purchasers will receive a fine copy of a Stamp
Journal for one year. Write name and address
plainly and make Bank Draft payable to M.
OWEN & Co.

Note the address, and if not collecting yourself,
subscribe for your friends, or the little folks at
home.

M. OWEN & Co.,
Barr Street,
Rangoon.

21st June, 1893. [714]

EAST POINT DAIRY AND FARMING
COMPANY, LIMITED,
(WONG-NRI, CHONG).

CONTRACTORS TO THE GOVERNMENT
CIVIL HOSPITAL AND THE ROYAL
NAVAL HOSPITAL.

THE above Company undertakes to Supply
the general public with COW'S FRESH
MILK, CREAM and BUTTER from the 1st
prox. at the following prices:—
Cows' Fresh Milk, 6 Cents per Imperial Pint Bottle.
Fresh Cream, 8 " " " " " "
Butter, 12 " " " " " "

Orders from any part of the Colony and
British Kowloon, sent to the Company's Office,
No. 51, Queen's Road Central, will be promptly
attended to.

Hongkong, 20th June, 1893. [711]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL
STEAMSHIP LINE.

"A BREATH OF FRESH AIR."

SHORT TRIPS TO JAPAN.

14 DAYS AT SEA.

DURING THE SUMMER, SHORT TRIPS
TO KOBE and return can be made as
follows:—

Leave Hongkong. Arrive Kobe. Return to Hongkong. Leave Kobe. Arrive Hongkong.

Single Fare \$50.
RETURN TICKETS \$75.
D. E. BROWN,
General Agent.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1893. [594]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date NO FULLY PAID-UP
SHARES of this Company will be
TRANSFERRED on which the Calls on the
NEW SHARES standing in the same Name
remain Unpaid.

By Order,
R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [444]

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUMMER CHARGES.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER,
\$75 PER MONTH

FOR BOARD and LODGING in ROOMS facing
Pedder Street or to the Eastward.

FURNISHED ROOMS without Board,
\$45 Per Month.

Apply to Manager and/or Secretary.

HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1893. [587]

THOMAS' GRILL ROOMS,
(Corner of Queen's Road and Duddell Street).

THE Undersigned has always thought that
such a place as this was the one thing
needed to fit in between HOTEL LIFE and the
PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE—providing it be
First-class in every detail. A place where one
may have his GRILLED CHOP or STEAK
at any hour of the Day, up to 11 P.M., or later
if notice be given. He is also prepared to
SUPPLY MEALS to PRIVATE PARTIES
for MEETINGS or ORDERS—the Parties sending
Dishes, &c., for same—and Cash. Scale on
application.

Monthly Board for One Person \$15.00
Tiffin \$15.00

AMERICAN FROZEN OYSTERS always
on hand and served in every Style.

Breakfast \$0.50
Tiffin \$0.75
Dinner \$1.00

SPECIAL TIPPINGS and DINNERS served
in Excellent Style at short notice.

W. THOMAS,
Proprietor.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1893. [528]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN
CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most
respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of
Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind
patronage and support, and desires to state that
she will be pleased to receive orders for all
kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars
and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Under-clothing,
Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,
Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiores will also be most grateful for
any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into
Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who
are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1893. [499]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE "ESMERALDA,"
Captain G. A. Taylor, will be despatched for the
above Ports TO-MORROW, the 29th instant,
at 5 P.M.

The Steamer has Superior Accommodation
for Passengers and is fitted with the Electric
Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1893. [742]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO,"
Captain Harris, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, at
Noon.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
AERATED WATERS.
WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.
STEAM PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.
SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.
The PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

"BOMBAY SODAS."
We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, Free of Extra Charge, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when received in good condition.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied free on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER
SODA WATER
LEMONADE
POTASH WATER
SELTZER WATER
LITHIA WATER
SARSAPARILLA WATER
Tonic WATER
LEMON SQUASH
GINGER ALE
RASPBERRYADE
GINGERALE

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED,
The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.

The Hongkong Telegraph.
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 1893.

THE SANITARY BOARD SECRETARYSHIP.

The appointment of Mr. A. H. RENNIE, corresponding clerk in the Public Works Department, to be Secretary to the Sanitary Board during the absence, on sick leave, of Mr. HUGH McCALLUM, has led to considerable discussion of a more or less acrimonious nature throughout the colony, and the general opinion would appear to be that another haphazard job has been perpetrated. However, public opinion in Hongkong, whatever it may be worth, is apt to rush to hasty and unwarranted conclusions, and in this instance there are solid reasons for impartial investigation before arriving at any definite decision. The position of Secretary to the Sanitary Board is one of considerable importance, requiring special qualifications. Mr. McCALLUM, who came out to Hongkong originally as analyst to the Government Civil Hospital, is especially fitted for the position by his technical training, and is admittedly a very capable man in all branches of Sanitary science. He has done excellent work for the colony, and it is only to be regretted that his leave of absence has become a matter of necessity, not of choice. Seeing that the health of the community is one of the most important factors in our local Government, and that the Secretary of the Sanitary Board is the official entrusted with the important duty of keeping up the sanitation of the city to a safe standard, we do not think it unreasonable that Mr. McCALLUM's locum tenens was expected to be a specially trained officer. In fact it was all but universally regarded as a foregone conclusion that Mr. W. E. CROWZ, the present most able Government Analyst, who has already acted as Secretary of the Board, would again perform the duties during Mr. McCALLUM's absence. About Mr. CROWZ's abilities there has never been any question, and the only objection to his appointment was raised by the Colonial Surgeon, on the ground that the Assistant Analyst is at present on leave. Mr. CROWZ

is in the Colonial Surgeon's department, and doubtless Dr. AYRES was alike anxious to preserve unimpaired the efficiency of the Government Civil Hospital and to save his subordinate from being laden with more work than he could properly attend to. It was exactly the same in the case of Mr. VIVIAN LADDS, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon; he already had more work than he could properly carry out, and further, recognising that Mr. CROWZ's claims to the position were far superior to his own, he wisely withdrew his candidature—and Mr. A. H. RENNIE received the coveted appointment.

Mr. RENNIE can claim no special fitness for the task he has undertaken, and it is safe to assume that his knowledge of Sanitary science is still in the alphabet stage; but for all that, he may make a thoroughly efficient Secretary to the Sanitary Board. But the question arises, and it is bound to attract public attention, why, if Mr. CROWZ was unable to carry out the duties of Government Analyst and Secretary to the Sanitary Board at the same time, Mr. RENNIE, who is quite inexperienced in the latter capacity, can still satisfactorily get through this difficult and strange work and also efficiently perform his legitimate functions as corresponding clerk to the Director of Public Works? If it is urged that Mr. RENNIE can devote extra time daily to the correspondence of the department to which he is attached, it can also just as reasonably be argued that Mr. CROWZ can set aside hours in the still watches of night to work up any arrears in his regular duties. And it should not be forgotten that Mr. CROWZ was sent specially out from home many years ago to assume the responsible position he has so ably filled; nor that Mr. RENNIE has only been some three years in the Service and was originally "jobbed" into the Surveyor General's department by the late Mr. SAMUEL BROWN. The latter fact does not in any way detract from Mr. RENNIE's usefulness, and we only quote it to show that the "high-toned utterances of the Official Phalanx" during the Salaries Question debate, claiming special privileges, amount to very little when personal interests have to be served.

Our readers will remember that an attempt was made to secure the sinecure appointment of Assistant Harbour Master for this same Mr. RENNIE, and the probability is that, but for the adverse criticisms of the Press, he would have been appointed. What this gentleman's apparently overpowering influence in high quarters may be we know not, but that it exists in some shape or form is quite obvious. That is a matter, however, we prefer not to enter into. Whatever may be this gentleman's ability, and we have no reason to doubt that it is not quite up to the Hongkong official standard, it cannot be disputed that his appointment as Secretary of the Sanitary Board is a glaring injustice to older and far more experienced members of the Service. An appointment obtained by extraneous means, and more especially when the nominee has no experience of the work he is called upon to perform, is palpably an official job. We regret to have to record our opinion that this is one. How does Governor Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON reconcile his determination to abolish the British clerical service in favour of Portuguese with this latest "ringing the changes?"

TELEGRAMS.

RACING.
RESULT OF THE OAKS.
Epsom, 26 and 27 June, 1893.
The Oaks of 4,500 sovs., the winner to receive 3,000 sovs., the nominator of the winner 400 sovs., the owner of the second 200 sovs., and the owner of the third 100 sovs. out of the stakes; for three-year-old fillies; qst. each.—About 12 miles.
The Duke of Portland's b. f. Mrs. Butterwick, by Sir John—Miss Middleton.
1 The Earl of Rosebery's ch. f. Treasury, by Bend Or—Bonny Jean.
2 Mr. T. Jennings's b. f. Cypris, by Carlton—Queen of Cyprus.
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THE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS.
Paris, 17th June, 1893.
The Grand Prix of Paris of 200,000 fr. (3,000 sovs.), 150,000 fr. (2,250 sovs.) by the City of Paris, and 50,000 fr. (750 sovs.) by the five great Railway Companies, for entire colts and fillies, foaled in 1890, of every description and country, added to a Sweepstakes of 1,000 fr. (150 sovs.) each (600 fr. (90 sovs.) fr. and 500 fr. (75 sovs.) only if declared by midnight on the Wednesday preceding the race, and 100 fr. (15 sovs.) only if declared by midnight on the 1st of May, 1893; the second to receive 10,000 fr. (1,500 sovs.) and the third 5,000 fr. (750 sovs.) out of the stakes; weights—colts 56 kilos (about 125 lbs.); fillies 54 kilos (about 120 lbs.); about 3,000 metres, Grand Course (about one mile and seven furlongs)—444 yards. Closed Sept. 15, 1893.
Baron A. de Schickel's b. Regency, by Perseus—Cassius.
1 Mr. Rose's b. c. Ravensbury, by Isomony—Pentit.
2 M. A. Abelle's br. c. Callistratus, by Cambyse—Citrocelle.

THE ASCOT STAKES.
Ascot, 13th June, 1893.
The Ascot Stakes Handicap, 1 distance about 2 miles.
1 Sir R. Jardine's br. b. Easildell, 5 yrs. by Palm—Rosary.
2 The Duke of Beaufort's ro. m. Madame D'Albany, 6 yrs. by Buchanan—Lady Charlie.
3 Mr. T. Holme's ch. c. Lauricope, 4 yrs. by Hagioscope—Harriet Laws.

THE DROUGHT IN EUROPE.
Paris, June 27th.
The drought is so severe as to threaten the entire loss of all the cattle in the country. The Minister of Agriculture proposes to import cheap rice in large quantities at once from Indo-China, to relieve the most pressing necessities of the people.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER.
June 26th.
A violent scene occurred in the Chamber to-day between MM. Clemenceau, Deroulade and Milleroye, who, however, refused to accept challenges in consequence of the affairs.

LABOUR DISPUTES.
There have been riots in Bene between Swiss and Italian labourers; a hundred of the combatants were wounded.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The P. & O. Co's steamer *Formosa* arrived at London at 6 a.m. on the 23rd inst.

The trial of a coolie for the recent West Point murder was continued to-day before Capt. Hastings, and further adjourned.

The formation of a cricketing team to visit Ceylon is on the tapis in Singapore. The men have not yet been definitely chosen.

The men of war in harbour were decorated with bunting to-day, and royal salutes were fired at noon, in honour of the anniversary of Queen Victoria's coronation.

The Governor—I would rather give a mule a responsible position in the Service than you. His-noodle—Yes, I know! but your Excellency, that would be nepotism.

The delivery of the French mail began a little before eleven o'clock, last night. Was the slowness in delivery due to any assistance from Mr. Böhm, we wonder?

At the Magistrate's to-day, before Capt. Hastings, a man was sent to goal for nine months with hard labour for bringing coolies into the colony for purposes of emigration.

The P. M. S. S. Co's steamer *China*, which sailed hence for San Francisco on May 30th, via Amoy, Nagasaki, Kobe, Island Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 26th inst.

The sentence of one month's imprisonment which was passed on Inspector Stirling, of the Singapore Municipality, a short time back, has, upon appeal to Mr. Justice Collyer, been upheld. The Inspector was charged with having received a bribe.

Boilin Flet—It was de little things dot buzzle von, mein friend.
Old Soak—That's so. Now, last night, for instance, I had no trouble in finding the way to my lodgings, but hang me if I could find the key-hole when I got there.

The E. & A. Co's steamer *Catarrhus*, Capt. Neil Shannon, which arrived from Australia this morning reports having passed the sailing ships *Hilarda* and *Kingsford*, in the Bay of Islands, bound for Manila, wishing to be struck all well.

A BOMBER's papers announced the death, at Millford, of Sir William Henry White, son of the late Mr. George White, of the War Office, in 1875; he accompanied the expeditionary force to China as military auditor. In that year he also acted as Auditor-General of Hongkong.

The *Strait Times* says that the Batu Valley, situated in the State of Siam, is being added to the Government of Selangor for administrative purposes. This arrangement is a temporary one, but it appears to be the thin end of the wedge of complete absorption.

CAPT. COLONNA, of the steamer *Ban Whatt* Hm, reported on his arrival at Singapore on the 21st inst. having sighted a large red conical buoy marked No. 3, with white paint, eight miles north of Pulau Angat and seven miles from Malacca in the centre of the channel and immediately in the track of the shipping. He picked it up and brought it on to Singapore.

The Band of the 1st Shropshire Light Infantry will play the following programme in the Public Gardens this evening (weather permitting), commencing at 8.30 o'clock:—
March—"Augs. Sachs"—Umsh.
Overture—"Lada di Lammerton"—Dodd.
Valse—"Lada di Lammerton"—Dodd.
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It is announced that a satisfactory conclusion has been arrived at as a result of the negotiations between the United States and Spain for the settlement of the claim brought by the former for an indemnity to the representatives of the Rev. Mr. Doane, who died from the effects of maltreatment received in the Caroline Islands. The demands made on behalf of other missionaries have also been conceded.

The Douglas Co's steamer *Namos*, from the Coast Force, was alongside the wharf early this afternoon, but the *Hongkong Telegraph's* Footman and Amoy correspondents did not come to hand until 5.15. Who is responsible for this inordinate quibble? Better put up the working of the Post-office to public tender. Any other *regimen* might be better, but it could not possibly be worse than the present crowd of incapables.

The *Penang Gazette* relates the following incident which occurred a few days ago in the course of an inquiry before the Registrar at the Supreme Court in that Colony. A witness was being cross-examined by counsel as to the probability of his having embarked on a certain speculation without having his liability thereon clearly defined. "Surely," was the question, "you would hardly have omitted to do so. Are you not a business man?" "No," was the reply, "I am a Government contractor" (!)

THE N. C. *Daily News* learns by telegram from Peiking that the Grand Council received on the 18th inst. a memorial for the Throne from His Excellency Hsueh Fu-chang, Chinese Envoy to the Court of St. James, &c., stating that his time of three years was about to expire and requesting the Throne to appoint a successor at an early date. The memorial in question has not been published yet in the *Gazette*, but the Emperor has issued a telegraphic decree to be sent to London "ordering Hsueh Fu-chang to remain at his post until further orders."

The steamship *Proponia* was again put up for sale by auction in the Supreme Court this afternoon, pursuant to an order of the Colonial Court of Admiralty. Mr. F. A. Hyslop, marshal of the Court, acted as auctioneer, and started the bidding at 20,000, from which it rose by about ten times a time, or thereabouts, up to 200,000, at which figure she was knocked down to Leon Kwong Chan, of Praya Central. It will be remembered that when the *Proponia* was put up a week ago the bidding reached 247,100, which was then thought not enough.

ALTHOUGH the M. M. steamer *Oyas* entered the harbour some time after six o'clock last evening it was not until nearly ten that she came to her proper anchorage near Stone-cutters Island—we say proper anchorage advisedly. The cause of this was only a slight disregard for the harbour regulations on the part of the Captain, who made straight for the Company's buoy, apparently oblivious to the fact that he had powder and dynamite on board. However, after his navigating experiences of last night it is not probable that the "mistake" will be made again.

THE "BOSS" AND THE "BOY."
It occurred only a couple of days ago in one of the local hotels—not an East-end hotel, however, by any means, but the most imposing and palatial in the East. Originally a good many characters figured in this little drama, but sufficient for the purpose is the evil thereof as all

but the two principals are discarded. One is a dapper little Englishman and the other is an old Celestial from whose head the suns of sixty summers have burned the hair away.
It was at first only a trivial affair, but as the wide gulf that divides the two does a tale in transit. Blood was out of the question, but satisfaction had to be attained somehow, and with this object in view the "boss" invited the "boy" into his office at six o'clock in the morning when everything was nice and fresh. Question after question elicited no satisfactory explanation a bang on the ear was resorted to. Fire glared in the old Asiatic's eye for a moment and then there ensued one of the most thrilling catch-as-catch-can contests on record. First the "boss" had the grip, then the "boy" still eventually, with one mighty swing, they measured their lengths on the floor. But the "boy" was not to be—ON TOP! Assistance eventually arrived but the door could be locked, and the contestants were separated. The old man, breathless, but still victorious, glaring round on the intruders in a manner indicative of anything but pleasure at the interruption of the game, strode off about the duties of the day. The contest has not been renewed.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Eastern and Australian Co's steamship *Catarrhus*, Capt. N. Shannon, from Sydney June 4th, via ports of call, arrived in harbour this morning. We are indebted for the subjoined telegrams to our Colonial exchanges:—

LONDON, May 26th.
At the anti-Home Rule meeting held at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, on Wednesday evening, at which the Marquis of Salisbury was a guest, a great cavalcade, Captain Keeney, who was one of the speakers, declared that 18 British admirals and 62 captains of the Navy had sworn that the Navy would never be used against the Loyalists. He also stated that 737 ex-officers of the Army had promised their assistance in preventing the introduction of Home Rule in Ulster.

The police in Londonderry lowered the Union Jack which had been hoisted on a hotel there, the ground being that the flag was a party emblem.

Mr. Gladstone declares that it is not the intention of the British Government to ask Parliament for a grant on the occasion of the marriage of the Duke of York and Princess May.

The Wild West Show at Chicago has been burned, and several camels and Arabian horses perished in the flames.

Russia has despatched a party of military officers to Abyssinia. Their mission has given rise to much comment.

The International Miners' Congress at Brussels has resolved by a large majority to include surface workers in the resolution passed in favour of eight hours being legalised as a standard day's work in mines.

Miss Dagmar Bern, of Sydney, has been appointed clinical assistant at the new hospital for Women at 124 Euston Road, London, N.W.

The *Daily Chronicle* states that the Indian Government, having refused to purchase the secret of the manufacture of a new explosive material called ripstone, invented by an Australian named Boyd, resident in India, the Government of Siam has offered to buy it.

Matters are now quiet at Hull, and the troops have been withdrawn.

A shocking fatality has taken place at Drumcondra, in Ireland. A female parachute performer fell a distance of 150 ft. and was killed on the spot.

The Prince of Wales's new cutter yacht, *Britannia*, has defeated Lord Dunsen's yacht, *Valhalla*, as well as the *Calluna* and the *Werna*, in a cruising match extending over three days. The Prince of Wales was on board the *Britannia* throughout the match.

The *Economist* doubts the wisdom of the action of Sir George Dibbs in pouring out masses of inconvertible paper currency. It regards the experiment as hazardous, and says that it may produce evil results unless very carefully safeguarded.

The rabid tone of the articles appearing in the Egyptian native Press, which display much hostility towards Great Britain, is causing anxiety. The natives believe that the Khedive approves of the articles, inasmuch as the Egyptian authorities show no disposition to check the violence of the native Press.

A nihilist club, the members of which are Russian students, has been discovered in St. Petersburg.

Mr. Justice Williams to-day delivered his decision in the complaint made by the Law Institute of Victoria against Thomas Middleton Biddulph Phillips, barrister and solicitor, for improper conduct in the practice of his profession. His Honor ordered that Phillips should be suspended from the practice of his profession either as a barrister, or a solicitor, or as both, till 1st February, 1894, and that he should pay his client Alfred Cook the sum of £100 due to him, and £12 for costs to which Cook had been put in endeavouring to enforce payment of his first debt; and further, that he should pay the Law Institute of Victoria the costs of and incidental to the application.

In the boxing match between F. P. Slavin and "Jim" Hall for £500 with a purse of £1,000 offered by the National Sporting Club, which took place last night at the rooms of the club in London, Slavin had his nose broken.

London papers to-day are discussing whether Slavin was drunk or not, and whether he was endeavouring to fight. He was quite unable to resist the attack of his opponent, who, at the outset of the fight, landed a heavy blow on Slavin's jaw. After a miserable exhibition of pugilism on the part of Slavin, mild hissing, he was knocked out by a right-hand blow delivered on his jaw. Slavin was much punished, while Hall was untouched. The encounter lasted 30 minutes.

The *Sportsman*, in commenting on the fight, says that Slavin was evidently settled before facing the rig.

Slavin remembers nothing of the fight. He makes no charges against any person. His trainers declare that he was drugged.

The House of Commons has, by a majority of 112, declined to adjourn over Derby Day.

At the military tournament at the Agricultural Hall, Tottenham, yesterday, General Lord Roberts, lately Commander-in-Chief of the British Army in India, invited Colonel D. D. Macdonald, lately the Victorian Horse Artillery team, and congratulated him upon the success of the South Wales Cavalry and the Victorian Horse Artillery at the tournament.

The New South Wales Cavalry remain in London for the Rifle Association Meeting at Blaisy. The Victorian Artillery, though pressed to attend the meeting, have decided to leave London on their return to Melbourne after their visit to Dublin, where they are to take part in a military tournament there.

An amendment on the third clause of the Home Rule Bill prohibiting the Irish Legislature from discussing and passing resolutions on subjects upon which they are forbidden to legislate was negatived in the House of Commons by a majority of 21.

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SYDNEY, June 1st.
A resolution was moved in the New South Wales Assembly affirming that the Broken Hill strikers should be immediately released. Sir George Dibbs said that he would not allow any interference with the administration of justice, and the matter then lapsed.

Thomas Nolan, an old man aged 85, has been committed to take his trial for the murder of his own son, aged 35. In the course of a quarrel the former stabbed the latter with a sheath knife, with fatal results.

A soap and candle factory at Alexandria has been destroyed by fire, the damage being estimated at £13,000.

The hull *Fernon*, after being dismantled, has been destroyed by fire. The conflagration illuminated a great part of the harbour, and attracted thousands of sightseers.

Sir Robert Duff, the Governor, met with an enthusiastic reception.

The building trade is very slack, and an all-round reduction of 10 per cent in present rates of wages is proposed. Four thousand masons, carpenters, and painters threaten to strike if this is insisted on.

MELBOURNE, June 1st.
The Full Court of Victoria having granted the application for a Grand Jury in connection with the Mercantile Bank prosecutions, warrants have been issued for the arrest of Sir Matthew Davies and F. Millidge, who have both temporarily left the colony.

A fifty-three ounces nugget has been found near Talbot, at a depth of thirty-seven feet.

In spite of the decision of the Government not to prosecute, private persons are publishing the case against Davies and Millidge into the Supreme Court.

LONDON, June 2nd.
The skins of the seals captured in the Antarctic Ocean are found to be only suitable for tanning, and are valueless for their fur.

It is reported that the Chicago Exposition has so far proved a financial failure.

The Radical supporters of the Government are becoming restive in consequence of the reported declaration of a British protectorate over Uganda, in Central Africa.

The Australian banks which were recently reported to have stopped at Colombo portions of the shipments of gold to Australia, have allowed the gold to proceed to Melbourne, in order that it may be available for Sydney. It is reported, though it is admitted that the financial situation in both cities is improving.

An earthquake has occurred in Ecuador, South America. The town of Guayaquil has been partially destroyed. Many of the inhabitants were killed.

A meeting of depositors with the London Chartered Bank of Australia, Limited, was held to-day. There were 200 depositors present. Mr. C. J. Stewart, who presided, announced that according to the directors' statement the advances in Australia were spread over 4,305 accounts, averaging £1347. The largest advance amounted to nearly £200,000.

Later.
The depositors' meeting has approved of the principle of reconstruction, and appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Cowan, A. Williamson, Mann, Gwyther, and White, to confer with the directors as to the details of the scheme.

June 3rd.
Some slight concessions which were made by Mr. Gladstone in connection with the Home Rule Bill have caused great irritation among the Irish members of the House of Commons, and have compelled the Government to withdraw in part the proposed concessions.

James Nell Campbell, son of a Bombay officer, who was recently brought up on a charge of theft, was to-day committed for trial.

The customs authorities at St. John's, Newfoundland, have seized the supplies which were being sent to the French lobster packers on the coast, but the Frenchmen deny any liability for duty on these goods. It is reported that the warships *Chlopaire* and *Bussard*, on the North American station, have started for the scene of the dispute, in view of a possible disturbance.

The New South Wales Cavalry and the Victorian Artillery were present to-day at the ceremony of "trooping the colours" in connection with the official celebration of her Majesty's birthday. The cavalry were their full dress for the first time since their arrival in England, and were much admired. The team were complimented on their appearance by several royal personages who were present.

The Lord Mayor of London has been invited by the President of the States and the Committee of the Exhibition to visit Chicago, and the City Council of Aldermen have offered to pay expenses.

Two more amendments to the Home Rule Bill have been negatived by a majority of 25 and 45, and the word Royalty has been substituted for Lord Lieutenant, although Mr. Gladstone stated that the office of the latter cannot be abolished at present.

The English Catholics will not oppose Home Rule, but call upon the Irish priests to maintain neutrality at present, because they consider the measure will ultimately lead to a collision with the Church.

Mr. Gladstone has admitted that a member of the Royal Family may be appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, but the Irish press declare that the office is inconsistent with Home Rule.

The Queen is to be present at the Duke of York's wedding on the 6th July.

In reply to Mr. Morton in the House of Commons, the Home Secretary said that enquiries had been made, but no evidence had been found to justify a prosecution in connection with the Hall-Slavin glove fight.

It has been admitted in the House of Commons that the British East African Co. has overruled Uganda, but although not authorized,

the action of the envoy in proclaiming a protectorate by Britain will be sustained.

John Morley says that since he has taken office and since the people have seen the prospect of Home Rule enlarging, there have been 30 per cent less outrages in Ireland than before.

Mr. Gladstone says that although he may be weary by the persistent and capacious opposition to Home Rule, he will not be discouraged, but persevere until he carries it, even if it is the last act of his life.

The Times predicts the repeal of the Sherman Silver Bill by the United States Congress.

Slavin and Hall met at the Sporting Club in a round match for £500 each and a purse of £1,000. Slavin was in miserable condition and was easily vanquished by Hall in the 7th round amid great excitement, and cries of "drunk" and "drugged."

The press consider that Surrey beat the Australian Eleven entirely owing to the wet which prevented them from making big scores.

In their match with Oxford University, the Australians made 200 in their 1st innings and the Oxford men have lost 6 wickets for 128 runs.

Count Herbert Bismarck advocates Protection, which he says would benefit the farmers and provide for the required increase in the army.

The German press is jubilant over the evacuation of Uganda by the British, but it fears that Imperial rule will succeed that of the Company, and that it will be pushed on to Wadai.

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Canada have resigned. They complain of Commissioner Herbert Booth's undue exercise of his powers and these powers they regard as being in themselves excessive. Their chief grievance, however, is in connection with the manner in which the Commissioner has imported and appointed English officers to the best positions in the Army in Canada.

Admiral Tryon has informed Earl Spencer that he is unable to guarantee the neutrality of the Mediterranean owing to the weakness of the British squadron there.

M. Goblet, in the course of a speech, said that it was impossible that France should forget the loss of Alsace and Lorraine. France in 1870 was unable to sustain her right to be respected, but the question was still an open one. Europe's insensate armament was the main cause for the necessity of France to strengthen her position. France did not, he said, desire to provoke a war, but was determined to be ready for it when it came.

Seven anarchists are being tried at Leipzig for circulating papers inciting to the murder of the Czar.

Two Gladstonian members of the House of Commons have decided to abstain from taking part in the divisions on the Home Rule Bill in Committee, and Ministers fear the example may prove contagious.

The Government have accepted an amendment on the Home Rule Bill, debarring the Irish Legislature from having any relations with Foreign States.

A match between the Australian Eleven and a Yorkshire team will be commenced at Bradford today. The following players compose the Yorkshire Eleven—Wardell, Peck, Hirst, Walcott, Mounsey, Sellers, Mounsey, Uylett, Earsshaw, Tunnicliffe, and Brown.

The match Australia v. Yorkshire was commenced today. Blackburn, Crompton, and Walter Giffen are standing out of the Australian team.

The Australian batted first, and had scored 91 when the first wicket fell, G. Giffen having made 58, not out.

The death is announced of Mr. George Potter, who was at one time a prominent organizer of trades unions.

Four additional deaths from cholera have been reported at Marseilles.

Information is to hand that the Chudor Monastery, in Moscow, was broken into by burglars, and a number of valuable religious vessels, together with other valuables and a large sum of money, stolen, the total extent of the loss being estimated at 2,500,000 roubles (about £250,000).

A fire broke out at Cardiff last night, resulting in the destruction of the offices of the Cardiff Mail, and also a portion of an adjoining hotel. The damage is estimated at £4,000.

New has been received of an extraordinary earthquake in the United States, the town of El Dorado, in Arkansas, having been buried by a cloud of dust which swept over the place. All the inhabitants who were able to do so fled on horseback, but thirty persons are reported to have lost their lives.

The Chicago banks have refused to finance the extensive wheat ring recently formed there, and this has caused a fall in prices.

Mr. W. Saunders, Radical member for Wiltshire, who at the last moment was induced to vote for the second reading of the Home Rule Bill, now declines to attend the divisions on the bill in committee, arguing that the present House of Commons is incompetent to give Ireland a new Constitution.

A Belgian named Ruller, who has been arrested in Saxony, has confessed to having been concerned in the robbery of the Countess of Flanders' jewels, which was committed some months ago. He betrayed the hiding-place of the jewels, and implicated a confederate named White, who has since been arrested in London.

Heavy rains have fallen all over the colony. The steamship owners are considering whether to reduce wages or lay up their vessels, as they cannot continue running at a heavy loss at present.

ADAMANT, June 28th.

The late heavy rains have done considerable damage.

SYDNEY, June 28th.

J. Ellercamp, boiler and mechanic, tried to commit suicide by first throwing himself in front of a train and then trying to hang himself in the cell where he was locked by the police.

Andrew's flour mill at Rylestone has blown up and a piece of the boiler went through the roof of the Manager's dwelling, killing an old lady and injuring three of his children. About a mile, was hurled 40 yards and is not expected to recover.

The building trades threaten to strike against the proposed reduction of 10 per cent on wages.

At a meeting of shareholders held in the Bank of North Queensland yesterday, the plan of reconstruction submitted by the Directors was unanimously adopted and general confidence was expressed in the soundness and future progress of the corporation.

June 28th.

Terrible disaster occurred in Botany Bay, a sailing boat containing seven men and a boy capsizing in a heavy sea. Six of the men and the boy were drowned, the only survivor being Charles Watts. The other occupants were James John and Herbert Turner (two brothers), Albert Eales, Andrew McKeechie, Herbert Bennett, James Bennett, and a ladaged ten years, son of Herbert Bennett. All the occupants clung to the boat for a considerable time and battled against a terrific sea. Mr. H. Turner was the first to let go, and sank without a word. The others followed at intervals, except Watts, who clung to the keel till the boat drifted ashore near the Sir Joseph Banks Hotel.

It is not expected that the threatened seamen's strike in Victoria, caused by the announced reduction in the rate of wages, will spread to this colony.

Five mail bags for Sydney and some for Brisbane en route from London, were attacked by rats during the voyage, and 175 letters and a number of packets were partly destroyed.

LONDON, June 27th.

Edwin Booth, the celebrated American actor, is dead.

The efforts of the Unionists to add conspiracy affecting land selection, rioting, intimidation, and unlawful assemblies to the list of subjects which Home Rule debars the Irish Legislature from legislating upon, were defeated in the House of Commons.

The Daily News considers that the re-arrangement scheme of the Q. N. Bank is generally acceptable.

BRISBANE, June 28th.

Treasury notes will be issued for the first time to-day, and will be payable in coin on presentation at the Treasury.

The Q. N. Banknotes will also be paid to-day. During the month of May 1893 tons of stone were crushed at Charters Towers, yielding 23,822 ounces.

The Mount Morgan report for May shows that during the month 5,200 tons of stone were treated for a gold yield of 6,000 ounces.

There appears likely to be a war of railway tariffs between New South Wales and Queensland in order to secure the trade of the districts near the border. The New South Wales authorities are already taking action in the matter.

SYDNEY, June 28th.

A motion in favor of a subsidy not exceeding £10,000 to the new Vancouver steamship service

was adopted in the New South Wales Assembly yesterday.

The Greys coal miners have resolved to reject any co-operative proposals which will involve a reduction in wages.

The Sydney ship owners declare that at present no steps are being taken to follow the example of McIlwraith, McEcham and Co., of Melbourne, in reducing wages, but the general impression is that the scale will be reduced and there are some prospects of a general strike.

MELBOURNE, June 28th.

In connection with the reduction of wages in the shipping trade, the Seamen's Union had offered to compromise, being willing to accept a considerable reduction, but not to the extent required by the ship owners. Plenty of men, however, were willing to ship at the rates offered.

Heavy rains fell here during the early part of the week. The Yarra rose rapidly, and it was generally feared that there was to be a repetition of the disastrous floods of last year. The rain has since fortunately ceased, and the river is now falling.

The revenue for May shows a falling off of £205,000.

The most stringent measures of economy are being adopted by the Government in every department of the public service.

The libel action initiated by Spight, Railway Commissioner, against the Melbourne Age, has commenced. The trial promises to prove an exceptionally long and involved one, and to throw more or less light on many interesting points connected with railway management in Victoria.

A man has been crushed to death by a wheel at the cable tram shed at Filzroy.

The National Bank reconstruction scheme has been sanctioned by the Supreme Court.

A detective has been despatched to Colombo with a warrant for the arrest of Sir Matthew Henry Davies, in the event of that gentleman refusing to return voluntarily.

LONDON, June 28th.

The Australians have defeated Oxford with thirteen runs to spare. The match was a most exciting one throughout, and attracted crowds of spectators.

Asiatic cholera has again made its appearance in the west of France, and twenty-three fatal cases are reported.

Large shipments of sovereigns for Australia are being made, for the relief of the Australian banks.

Attention is being called in the House of Commons to the marked increase of criminal outrages perpetrated in Ireland within the last few months. A rent collector has just been shot dead in the County Clare, and several arrests have been made. A bomb has also been found secreted in the Police Court, Dublin, a murderous explosion having only been averted through something going wrong with the clockwork mechanism of the infernal machine.

In the match Australians v. Yorkshire, the former made 470 in their first innings, the latter only 220. In their second innings the Yorkshiremen scored 197 with a loss of six wickets, when the expiration of time compelled a draw.

In this match Giffen contributed 171 to the Australian total. The fielding of the Australians excited great admiration.

June 25th.

An enormous fire is reported from Dakota, U.S.A., which destroyed property worth \$4,000,000 and rendered 2,000 persons homeless.

At the London meetings of the creditors of the English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank the scheme of arrangement was approved by a large majority.

Ford's old theatre, Washington, where President Lincoln was shot, and which had lately been used as a penitentiary office, collapsed a few days ago, killing fifty clerks and injuring many others.

The Chicago Exhibition is being criticised as a disappointment, and is expected to be a financial failure.

ADAMANT, June 28th.

Israel Simmons, a well-known broker, aged sixty-two, shot himself dead on Friday last, on the Park lands. He is supposed to have been driven insane by recent financial troubles.

A match between representative Victorian and South Australian football teams, played on the Oval on Saturday last, ended in a win for the visitors by two goals.

The body of Miss Bickford, a State school teacher who has been mysteriously missing from her home at Glenelg for some little time past, has been found floating in the sea off Glenelg; the remains having been horribly mutilated by fish. The inquiry resulted in a verdict of "Suicide while suffering from temporary insanity."

Parliament was formally opened on Thursday, all the members being present.

On Tuesday, after the Address in Reply had been moved and seconded, the Hon. C. Kingston moved an adjournment, and on being put to the House this was carried by two votes.

The Government has thus been defeated by a catch vote before the business of the session could be said to have commenced, and without affording the House an opportunity of criticising their policy.

Parliamentary records show that such a thing has never been done previously, and public opinion generally denounces the action of the Opposition as being cowardly and unconstitutional.

Sir John Downer and his colleagues sent in their resignations yesterday, deeming this the only dignified course left them.

The resignations have been accepted, and the Hon. C. Kingston has been entrusted with the task of forming a new Cabinet.

The Press ridicules the idea of the would-be duellist, bound over to keep the peace, becoming Premier of the colony.

Page, the man who recently shot his own niece at Port Lincoln, has been sentenced to death. Messrs Solomon and Griffiths have obtained the promise of the Minister for the Territory that immediate arrangements will be made for the despatch of the steamer *Darwin* to Port Lincoln.

Mr. Griffiths has given notice of his intention to move for the production of all correspondence relating to the dismissal of Gregg from the railway service at Port Darwin. Also, that a return be laid upon the table of the House showing the Chinese crews and passengers on vessels passing south and north through Port Darwin, with the object of ascertaining the extent to which the Chinese Restriction Act is evaded.

Archbishop Reynolds died on Monday morning. Impressive services were held in the Cathedral. The funeral took place yesterday at the Convent, Goodwood, there being an immense attendance.

It is expected that Holder, Cockburn, Playford and Gordon will join the Kingston Ministry.

Heavy general rains have fallen.

MELBOURNE, June 28th.

The Customs authorities have seized eighteen thousand cigars aboard the steamer *Titan*, involving forfeiture of some heavy fines.

SYDNEY, June 28th.

The Joint Stock Bank at Cargo, near Orange, has been stuck up and pillaged by a gang of masked men. The manager was bound and gagged, and £850 in sovereigns taken from the safe.

Parliament has been prorogued.

It is expected that the deficiency for the current year will amount to over a million sterling.

Heavy rains and stormy weather have been generally prevalent during the week, and much damage has been done to shipping. Heavy floods, causing great destruction, are reported from several of the country districts.

Archer, who outraged and murdered a girl at Woolloomooloo recently, has been sentenced to death.

BRISBANE, June 25th.

Heavy rains have fallen in many parts of the colony during the week, and several of the wharves and streets in the more low-lying parts of Brisbane have been again submerged. The flood is now subsiding.

AUCKLAND, June 25th.

During the performance of a play at the Wellington Opera House, the scenery caught fire, and while extinguishing the flames Maggie Moore, the well-known actress, and actor Holloway, were severely burnt.

THE CRISIS IN SIAM.

THE BRITISH MINISTER AS MEDIATOR.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

(From *Strait Times* Special Correspondent.)

Bangkok, June 23rd.

Affairs in Siam are decidedly approaching a crisis, and the next fortnight or three weeks is pretty nearly the limit to which the crisis can be postponed.

The British Minister, Capt. Jones, V.C., is trying hard to arrange for the transfer of the negotiations to Paris, his idea probably being that they can be more amicably conducted there, under the eyes of Europe, to speak than by the Governor-General of Cochinchina, surrounded by journalists eternally shrieking for immediate war, and by officials who certainly have nothing to lose if a campaign is decided on. Whether Capt. Jones will succeed in his endeavors as mediator is, however, by no means certain.

The situation as far as France is concerned is singularly like that of 1889, when Siam was never formally declared war on by a single power, but was left to fight her way out of the Treaty Ports, although the minister did, if my recollection serves me, leave Peking for Shanghai. Yet the struggle then begun has not yet ended. It is just the same here. Capt. Thoreux is on his way hither, under Siamese escort (though he will be liberated on arrival). Khons is besieged; troops are drilling here hourly, and being sent Mekongwards in small batches; everything is being got ready for the fray—and yet those who are most likely to know say that war will not be proclaimed. Whether it will take place or not is another thing.

I have spoken of the preparations for war. They are the biggest things Siam has ever gone in for, though it must be remembered that, excepting for a trifling bit of a squabble up at Chienmai, known as the Haw rebellion, she has been at peace for a hundred and twenty years. She has two gunboats—the *Makut Rajakumar*, built in Hongkong for the Government of the Philippines in 1887, when the Germans were threatening to annex the Caroline; and the *Makachakri*, which is a big ironclad built at Leith, but really far more of a yacht than a warship. A Danish merchant house has just gone home to get one or two more vessels and a large quantity of war material for the Siamese Government, and meantime all the powder, cartridges, and rifles in the East are being bought up at famine prices. The river is also being mined by the naval department, and a look-out is kept across the bar for the hostile fleet. In the river a little French fighting craft, and a slightly bigger English ditto, are anchored opposite their respective legations, waiting for the ball to open.

Trade is naturally being considerably affected; exports are almost stopped and property holders are realising their possessions. There is the usual story of adventures, ready for anything, even for leading a Siamese forlorn hope, speaking of forlorn hopes—although, personally, I sympathise to some extent with the people here, I cannot but admit that the army is much akin to Falstaff's famous company. There are, perhaps, five thousand altogether, many of them wretched men, armed with Munnichner rifles which few of them have ever fired, bare-headed, in arrears with their pay, and—if it is not reason to say it—very far from brave. If opposed to a small force of European soldiers they would simply be what Ven Mokke called his men—"cannon-fool." They are fairly well officered—three or four Dances, an Italian, and one or two others have charge under H. R. H. Prince Bhanwong, eldest brother but one to the King—but they are of a race so pre-eminently lazy, and amiable, and peace-loving, that it is difficult to conceive, in the absence of any proof to the contrary, that they could be, like Uncle Remus's Brer Fox, "Devils to bite."

FOOCHOW NOTES.

Foochow, June 24th.

A drowning accident took place early in the week near the Foreign Settlement. Two young boys who were bathing in the river, called upon a young man, 18 years of age, standing on the bank watching them, to join them. He replied that he had a good mind to join them and give them a good ducking, whereupon the little fellows laughed and challenged him to "come on." Becoming angry at their impudence, he jumped into the river after them, but was not seen again.

Notwithstanding that some of the market is characterized by quiet, the settlements for the week are reported as 47,000 chests Congou and 10,000 chests Souchong, which is rather a large business than was done in the fourth week of last season. Taking quality into consideration prices are unchanged excepting for the lower grades of Congou, which are firmer. The export to Europe naturally shows an excess on account of the earlier opening of the market; the figures are 6,763,500 lbs. against 4,595,500 lbs. at the same date last year. The export to Australia will not come until next month. It is estimated that the supply of first crop Congou will be larger than last season by about 12 per cent.

We understand that the Viceroy has lately received from Peking an edict bearing the Imperial seal, calling upon his Excellency to be particular to study the comfort and happiness of the people and to legislate for their welfare so that they may be prosperous. Care is to be taken that the Government granaries are always full. The naval and military services are to be kept in a state of efficiency, and the comfort of the officers and men of these Services is to receive special attention. We would hazard the opinion that this edict is the outcome of the late position of Foochow as regards its rice supplies, which was no doubt reported to Peking unofficially, as nobody is censured and no allusion is made to the past—*Echo*.

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